

Blackburn with Darwen Place-based Partnership Board

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Purpose	To receive and comment					X
	For approval and sign off					
	For discussion and recommendations					
Alignment with Place-based Partnership Priorities (Please indicate below)						
Starting Well	Growing Well	Living Well	Working Well	Ageing Well	Dying Well	
First 1000 days	Helping our young people transition to adulthood	Preventing ill health and tackling health inequalities	Social and economic development, supporting people to employment	High quality care that supports people to stay well in their own home	Preferred place of death with holistic support from the time of diagnosis	
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1.0 Introduction and Purpose

- 1.1 Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) All Age Mental Health Team has worked in partnership with organisations across Lancashire and South Cumbria to complete a review of the dementia provision and to identify work required to ensure equity in provision from point of diagnosis to end of life for all communities across the Integrated Care System (ICS). As part of this work a multi-agency group was established and has produced a 5-year strategy setting out the intentions and commitment to improving the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. During the production of the strategy consideration has taken place regarding the commitments contained in both the Lancashire and South Cumbria All-Age Mental Health and the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Strategies, ensuring they have been considered during the production of this strategy. Demonstrating the importance of the LSC system working collaboratively to achieve better outcomes for the whole population.
- 1.2 The strategy has been produced along with an action plan containing specific actions to confirming which organisations will lead on the specific areas of work.
- 1.3 The purpose of this paper is to share with the Blackburn with Darwen Place-based Partnership Board the work which has been taking place over the last 12 months to review the current provision of dementia care and identify areas of work required to improve the way dementia related health and care services are provided.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Blackburn with Darwen Place-based Partnership Board is recommended to:
 - Note the content of the report and offer their comments and reflections on the emerging strategy
 - Request that the Blackburn with Darwen Age Well Partnership review the draft strategy and action plan, once completed, and provide feedback to the PBP as to any key implications for the partnership and any key deliverables that may be required in Blackburn with Darwen to achieve the strategy's objectives

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council, Westmorland and Furness Council, and District Councils, have worked in collaboration with stakeholders including Acute hospitals, emergency services (e.g., Lancashire Fire and Rescue) and VCSFE organisations, Healthwatch and Lancashire and South Cumbria Carers Partnership to produce the strategy, whilst ensuring that each individual organisations strategy is reflected in the overall LSC strategy. The organisations will work in partnership to deliver the commitments contained in the strategy. Utilising the action plan to ensure focus on services requiring development, improvement, and equitable provision across communities is achieved.
- 3.2 The aim of this strategy is to transform the health and social care system for the better, both for those living with dementia today and those who may be diagnosed in the future. This will include some clear activities as well as setting out our ambition and vision for the future of dementia services across Lancashire and South Cumbria.
- 3.3 Dementia is a key priority identified within the work programme for the Blackburn with Darwen Age Well Partnership (AWP). The AWP have contributed to the development of the draft strategy and action plan, through Vicky Shepherd, who is a member of the strategy development group. At their meeting on 7 February the AWP received an update on the draft strategy and action plan and committed to undertaking a detailed review of the plan, once finalised, to understand the implications and key asks for Blackburn with Darwen

and consider what, if any actions needed to be taken, in addition to those already in development as part the AWP action plan.

- 3.4 Local actions to support people living with dementia are being informed by a recent Healthwatch report entitled “Living with dementia in Blackburn with Darwen”, which conveys the views of over 120 people who had experiences with dementia. This was also shared with the ICB team in order influence the development of the strategy. This report is attached at appendix B, to provide additional information in support of the Board’s discussion.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 Dementia is a key priority for both NHS England and the Government. [The NHS Long Term Plan](#) sets out the ambition to improve the care provided to people with dementia through a more active focus on supporting people in the community, working closely with the voluntary sector to improve advice and support for people following a dementia diagnosis.

- 4.2 This L&SC 5-year strategy, outlined in more detail in Appendix A proposes to focus on 5 pillars of the dementia well pathway.
1. Preventing Well.
 2. Diagnosing Well.
 3. Supporting Well.
 4. Living Well.
 5. Dying Well.

These 5 pillars are woven throughout this dementia strategy.

- 4.3 To ensure the strategy aligns with other strategic priorities, it has also been driven by the same four themes behind the reforms to health and care:

i) Prevention

Promotion of risk factors linked to dementia and the promotion of healthier living messages by public health and other partners. Reducing dementia inequalities, such as those that exist between different ethnic groups, disadvantaged communities, people with early onset dementia and those with learning disabilities and exploring opportunities to develop community interventions.

ii) Personalisation

An improved health and care experience for people living with dementia and their carers that consider the wider system, linking in with the health checks for adults with learning disabilities. Early identification of people with higher risk factors, reforms that have personalisation at its heart, utilising the experience and skills of a variety of organisations, to support people living with dementia and their carers to live within their own communities.

iii) Performance

Commitment to meet the dementia diagnosis rate target of 66.7% across LSC and striving to continually improve on the diagnosis rate.

Work as an ICS, demonstrating how we can use the system to improve outcomes for people with dementia and their carers to help reduce and move towards eradicating variations in diagnosis rates and patient experience across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

iv) People

Ensuring that all frontline workforce groups and volunteers who provide care and support for people with dementia and their carers in multiple health and social care settings, have access to the appropriate training, enabling them to develop the necessary skills and knowledge. An increased number and diversity of people participating in dementia research to ensure what is delivered is relevant across the different populations living within Lancashire and South Cumbria.

5.0 Summary and next steps

- 5.1 In summary, the vision of the strategy is to improve the lives of people living with dementia and their carers now, and for those who may be affected in the future, as well as awareness raising for early intervention.
- 5.2 The strategy has been co-produced with partners in health and social care, hospices, voluntary sector providers, people living with dementia and carers. As a group we have considered what we should focus on to improve the care and support to people, from activities aimed at preventing dementia, through to care at the end of peoples lives, reflecting the palliative care ambitions framework.
- 5.3 We will act to.
- support people to reduce their risk of developing dementia.
 - work to ensure all people living with dementia and their carers are receiving accurate and timely diagnosis and high-quality care, they need with a jointly agreed care plan once diagnosis is made, which is reviewed within the initial 12 months of it being agreed in accordance with changes in the persons' needs. With further reviews every 12 months.
 - Ensure involvement in research is offered to people diagnosed with dementia.
 - Ensure workforce groups supporting people with dementia and their carers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to deliver appropriate care and support as well as ensuring the workforce is supported to deliver good quality care.
 - Ensure examples of good practice are shared across organisations to ensure all services which may be required to support people at some point during the dementia pathway all have high quality provision e.g., acute hospital settings etc.
- 5.4 In terms of next steps:
- The ICB Dementia strategy group will agree the final version as well as the action plan.
 - Both the strategy and action plan will be presented to each of the organisations and Place-based Partnership involved in the production of it to obtain commitment to deliver the strategy
 - Blackburn with Darwen Age Well Partnership will review the draft strategy and action plan, once completed, and provide feedback to the PBP as to any key implications for the partnership and any key deliverables that may be required in Blackburn with Darwen to achieve the strategy's objectives. The AWP will the support the translation of the overarching action plan into a local position (for our place to deliver against)
 - Confirmation obtained from each organisation and Place-based Partnership across LSC as to the governance process for providing updates on the progress and assurance required
 - A communications plan will be agreed for the ICS launch of the strategy.
 - A strategy monitoring and review group will be established with membership from the organisations involved in implementing the strategy/action plan and people living with dementia and carers, reflective of the populations across LSC.